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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 10, 2005

Mr. KOHL introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Stop Heating Oil Ex-
5 ports Act of 2005”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds that—

3 (1) according to the Energy Information Ad-
4 ministration, households heated primarily with heat-
5 ing oil can expect to pay an average increase of
6 \$378, or 32 percent more than last year, to heat
7 their homes;

8 (2) households relying on propane can expect to
9 pay, on average, \$325 more this winter;

10 (3) the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Ad-
11 ministration projects a 3.2-percent colder winter
12 than last year, and if colder weather prevails, home
13 heating expenditures will be significantly higher;

14 (4) high home heating prices will disproportion-
15 ately impact moderate- and low-income families;

16 (5) in October 2000, the Secretary of Energy,
17 Bill Richardson, successfully worked with major re-
18 finers to temporarily halt heating oil exports, to en-
19 sure adequate supplies of home heating oil for the
20 winter;

21 (6) between January and August 2005, refiners
22 in the United States have exported more than
23 48,000,000 barrels, or 2,000,000,000 gallons, of
24 product that could be used for home heating; and

25 (7) at a time when consumers in the United
26 States can expect nearly double their home heating

1 costs in 2004, refiners in the United States should
2 not be diminishing the supply by exporting home
3 heating products.

4 **SEC. 3. AUTHORITY TO TEMPORARILY PROHIBIT EXPORT**
5 **OF CERTAIN PETROLEUM PRODUCTS.**

6 If the Secretary of Energy determines that the supply
7 of a finished petroleum product or liquefied petroleum gas
8 in any of the 5 Petroleum Allocation Defense Districts has
9 fallen or will fall below expected demand for the product
10 or gas, the Secretary may temporarily prohibit the expor-
11 tation of the product or gas from the United States.

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